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ANNUAL  
CATHOLIC  
*Appeal*



*you*

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2015 REPORT OF GRATITUDE

“For us as a Catholic community,  
charity is not just about alleviating poverty,  
it is sacramental, a sacramental encounter with Christ.”

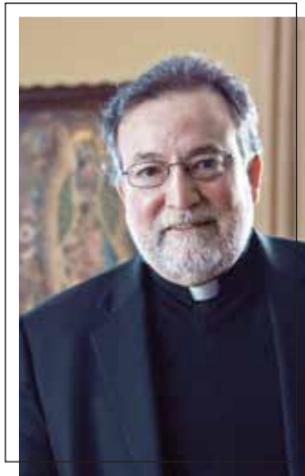
## DEAR CO-WORKERS IN CHRIST:

THANK YOU for your generous and faithful sacrifices that sustain the works of mercy made possible by the Annual Catholic Appeal. Every year I count on my brothers and sisters to give generously. Your kindness has brought hope and provided help to thousands of our neighbors in need throughout Northern California.

In 2015 more than 20,000 of you contributed nearly \$3.2 million. Fifty percent of funds collected went to charitable organizations helping more than 200,000 people to overcome poverty and despair. Twenty-five percent went back to your parishes so that a wide variety of needs could be responded to with local care. Twenty-five percent helped with seminarian education and assisted families in at-risk communities with the cost of Catholic school education for their children.

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, may we all recognize that our generosity flows from God’s abundant mercy towards us. May the Lord Jesus make fruitful these efforts so that we can be missionaries of hope and messengers of mercy to one another. Be assured of my abiding prayers and my gratitude. Together let us implore the intercession of Mary, the Mother of mercy, so that we can worthily share in the mission of her Son, Jesus.

Respectfully,  
  
+Jaime Soto  
Bishop of Sacramento



*Every time*  
a child found safety...



Removed from his home, a severely neglected young boy was paired with a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) through Northern Valley Catholic Social Service. He was fearful of adults and spoke little for weeks. One day he quietly reached up and took the advocate’s hand. Through the advocate’s work, he eventually rejoined his mother, who overcame drug addiction.

*...you made the difference.*

**20,094** people  
received hope and help through programs  
of Northern Valley Catholic Social Service.

*Every time*

someone regained dignity and hope...



Victimized by domestic violence, a woman reached out to Catholic Charities of Solano at the urging of someone who knew she'd find respect, a listening ear and a safety net of support. Counseling, help with basic needs and immigration services helped restore dignity and purpose to her life.

*...you made the difference.*

**3,495** people  
received hope and help through programs  
of Catholic Charities of Solano.

DEAR FRIENDS:

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL CAN BE SEEN SO CLEARLY and beautifully in the good works of Catholic charity programs and ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Every day, while working alongside other men and women of good will, Catholics go out to preach the Gospel of Joy through concrete actions of love: housing the homeless, feeding the hungry, protecting the unborn, and welcoming the stranger. It has been a true blessing for me to experience the efforts of staff and volunteers engaged in service to those on the margins, witnessing to them with joy.

It is with tremendous gratitude that I thank the many donors who have supported the appeal. Your generous gifts of love make it possible for the many amazing ministries and programs of Catholic Charities to continually serve our brothers and sisters in need.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Watkins".

John Watkins

*Director, Office for Catholic Charities  
and Social Concerns*



*Every time*

a teen found courage and strength...



By the time she reached out to Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center, a 16 year-old girl had suffered years of physical and mental abuse at home. With social workers sitting beside her, she found the courage to report the abuse to police. She now lives in safety with a family member.

*...you made the difference.*

**900** clients  
received hope and help through  
Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center.

*Every time*

someone recovered and now gives back...



Kenneth was on a dangerous path. Through Williams Memorial Baptist Church, he found help with his physical and emotional addictions through Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services. He became sober and found the courage to leave the group he was affiliated with. He's now becoming a Pastor and helps others through his church community outreach program.

*...you made the difference.*

**150,000** people  
gained hope through Sacramento Food Bank  
& Family Services.

*Every time*

a family could stay in Catholic School...



Lili and Bence thrive at St. Thomas the Apostle School in Oroville, where many families and the parish itself are economically challenged. Their parents are grateful that the generosity of others has allowed moral guidance, prayer and weekly Mass to be part of their children's school experience.

*...you made the difference.*

**\$500,000** helped

families in our most economically-challenged communities to stay in Catholic School.

DEAR FRIENDS:

TOGETHER, FORMING GOD'S CHILDREN. We remain committed to the formation of the next generation of children in the Diocese of Sacramento in the understanding that they, too, are called to serve. We believe that the Catholic school remains the Church's most valuable ministry in preparing our youth for continued participation in the sacraments and in service, especially in our most vulnerable communities.

Your generosity in 2015 has made a specific and significant difference for our schools. The future of our Church and our country relies on our ability to effectively educate Catholic youth in an environment where our children learn and grow with Christ. The Catholic school remains the most effective instrument of witness and catechesis in the lives of our young, and you have chosen to participate in this ministry through your generosity.

We thank God for the opportunity to share in this mission with you, and remain always,

Your fellow servants in Christ,

*LINCOLN SNYDER*

Lincoln Snyder  
*Executive Director of Catholic Schools*



## DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST:

EVERY YEAR, WE FEEL THE BLESSING of new priests being ordained to serve in our parishes.

Now twenty-three seminarians are preparing themselves to serve God and His Church here in the Diocese of Sacramento. The journey towards priesthood starts with the calling, that is, when an unmarried man feels in his heart the invitation from God to be a priest of Christ. Formation includes four years of college focused in philosophy, two years of theology, a pastoral year (the experience of living in a parish for a school year), and another two years of theology.

Your support has allowed us to once again ensure the preservation of a supportive community for those who have committed themselves to this journey in service to Christ.

I am grateful for the difference you have made to the three who are at college and pre-theology level, the seven in pastoral year and thirteen at theology level who, after success in their preparation, will have the opportunity to be ordained to the priesthood and to serve the people in our parishes.

We are all humbled by your generosity.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
Fr. Jovito Rata  
Director, Office of Vocations



*Every time*

a seminarian moved closer to ordination...



This year, 23 seminarians are studying for priesthood in our diocese. As more priests near retirement age, the Annual Catholic Appeal helps defray the cost of education for new priests and helps assure a supportive community for their spiritual growth and preparation.

*...you made the difference.*

**\$35,000** a year

is the cost to educate one seminarian.  
The Appeal offsets this growing expense.

*Every time*

a parish helped one more person in need...



When St. Patrick Parish in Placerville began to provide a hot meal to anyone in need of food or companionship, little did they know The Upper Room Dining Hall would become a significant gathering place in the broader community. With help from the parish 25% share, 41,245 meals — and warm welcomes — were served last year.

*...you made the difference.*

**IO2** parishes

received a 25% share for their own ministries to local people in need.



Sacred Heart Parish, Alturas  
Sacred Heart Parish, Anderson  
St. Joseph Parish, Auburn  
St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Auburn  
St. Dominic Parish, Benicia  
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Burney  
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Carmichael  
St. John the Evangelist Parish, Carmichael  
Our Divine Savior Parish, Chico  
St. John the Baptist Parish, Chico  
Holy Family Parish, Citrus Heights  
St. Joseph Parish, Clarksburg  
St. Dominic Parish, Colfax  
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Colusa  
Immaculate Conception Parish, Corning  
St. James Parish, Davis  
St. Peter Parish, Dixon  
Immaculate Conception Parish, Downieville  
St. John The Evangelist Parish, Dunsmuir  
Holy Trinity Parish, El Dorado Hills  
Good Shepherd Parish, Elk Grove  
St. Joseph Parish, Elk Grove  
St. Maria Goretti Parish, Elk Grove  
St. Mel Parish, Fair Oaks  
Holy Spirit Parish, Fairfield  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Fairfield  
St. John the Baptist Parish, Folsom  
Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Jones  
St. Christopher Parish, Galt  
St. Joseph Marello Parish, Granite Bay  
St. Patrick Parish, Grass Valley  
Sacred Heart Parish, Gridley  
St. Therese Parish, Isleton  
St. Paul Parish, Knights Landing  
Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Lake Almanor  
St. Joseph Parish, Lincoln  
St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Martell  
St. Joseph Parish, Marysville

Sacred Heart Parish, Maxwell  
St. Joseph Parish, McCloud  
St. Anthony Parish, Mount Shasta  
St. Canice Parish, Nevada City  
St. Lawrence Parish, North Highlands  
Divine Savior Parish, Orangevale  
St. Dominic Parish, Orland  
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Oroville  
St. Thomas More Parish, Paradise  
St. Patrick Parish, Placerville  
Holy Family Parish, Portola  
St. John Parish, Quincy  
St. John Vianney Parish, Rancho Cordova  
Sacred Heart Parish, Red Bluff  
Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Redding  
St. Joseph Parish, Redding  
St. Joseph Parish, Rio Vista  
SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Rocklin  
St. Clare Parish, Roseville  
St. Rose of Lima Parish, Roseville  
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento  
Divine Mercy Parish, Sacramento  
Holy Spirit Parish, Sacramento  
Immaculate Conception Parish, Sacramento  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sacramento  
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sacramento  
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Sacramento  
Sacred Heart Parish, Sacramento  
St. Anne Parish, Sacramento  
St. Anthony Parish, Sacramento  
St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sacramento  
St. Elizabeth Parish, Sacramento  
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Sacramento  
St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Sacramento  
St. Jeong-Hae Elizabeth, Sacramento,  
St. Joseph Parish, Sacramento  
St. Mary Parish, Sacramento  
St. Paul Parish, Sacramento

St. Peter & All Hallows Parish, Sacramento  
St. Philomene Parish, Sacramento  
St. Robert Parish, Sacramento  
St. Rose Parish, Sacramento  
St. Stephen, the First Martyr, Parish, Sacramento  
Vietnamese Martyrs Church, Sacramento  
St. Theresa Parish, South Lake Tahoe  
Sacred Heart Parish, Susanville  
Corpus Christi Parish, Tahoe City  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Truckee  
Holy Cross Parish, Tulelake  
St. Joseph Parish, Vacaville  
St. Mary Parish, Vacaville  
St. Basil Parish, Vallejo  
St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Vallejo  
St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, Vallejo  
St. Anthony Parish, Walnut Grove  
St. Patrick Parish, Weaverville  
Holy Family Parish, Weed  
Holy Cross Parish, West Sacramento  
Our Lady of Grace Parish, West Sacramento  
St. Monica Parish, Willows  
St. Anthony Parish, Winters  
Holy Rosary Parish, Woodland  
St. Joseph Parish, Yreka  
St. Isidore Parish, Yuba City

“*Thanks to your donations,* food pantry doors at the **Community Assistance Network** remain open to communities in Quincy seeking emergency provisions.”

— *Kitty Gay*  
President, Board of Directors

“At **Wellspring Women’s Center**, every single moment is memorable. With your gift, we continue to provide respite and services based on hospitality, dignity and love.” —SR. JUDY ILLIG, IBVM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“This year with your support, families and individuals can find a variety of emergency assistance services through **St. Vincent de Paul** in 23 cities and towns in our Diocese.” —PAUL STARKEY, PRESIDENT

“Your gift is a blessing. Through **Yuba Sutter Right to Life**, family resource information is made available to the public; saving babies and their moms from the heartache of an abortion decision.” —MAUREEN GUTH, PRESIDENT

“*Thanks to your generosity,* programs at **Stanford Settlement** will continue to provide safety and support to at-risk children, youth and seniors in the Northgate-Gardenland neighborhoods.”

— *Sr. Jeanne Felion, SSS*  
Executive Director

“Your donations have allowed vulnerable mothers coming to **Mother Teresa Maternity Home** to find the transitional support they need to raise a healthy family.” —TOM KOZLOWSKI, TREASURER

“Your partnership with **Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home**, provides hope and new beginnings for mothers pursuing a path to success.” —LENORE MULLARKEY, LIVE IN DIRECTOR

“Thanks to your contributions, refugees and immigrant families fleeing danger and insecure environments are able to find legal resources and care through **Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services.**” —BLAKE YOUNG, PRESIDENT/CEO



“As Christians, you too are called to be like Joseph, to make a home for Jesus. You make a home for him in your hearts, your families...and your communities.”

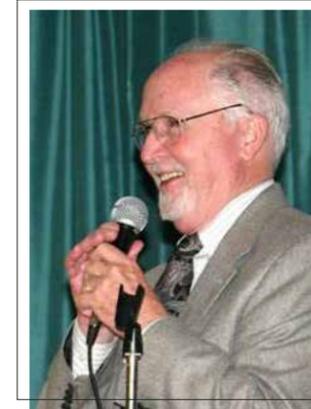
POPE FRANCIS

January 17, 2015

*To the agency and parish volunteers  
who worked an estimated  
300,000 hours  
this year, and the more than  
400 staff  
throughout the Diocese of Sacramento  
who graced  
the lives of more than  
200,000 people in need:*

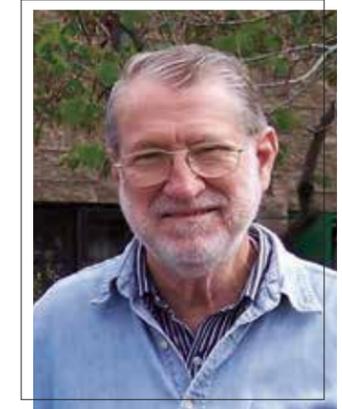
Thank you for your dedication  
and tireless efforts in the building of God's kingdom  
here in the Diocese of Sacramento.

## In memoriam



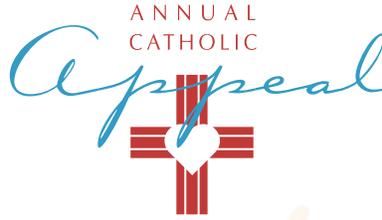
RICHARD WHITE  
1930-2015

We honor the memory of the longtime President/CEO of Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home for his steadfast, devoted work on behalf of the many women who lived at the home when they had no place else to go and their babies who were born there.



DANIEL RICHARD DELANY  
1934-2015

We give thanks for the life of Dan Delany, Co-Founder of Loaves and Fishes, for his many years of unwavering, resolute activism on behalf of the poor and homeless in Sacramento.



*“The Annual Catholic Appeal*  
**is our annual tradition that connects us**  
*to those who need our help every day.”*

The Annual Catholic Appeal assists nearly 100 social service programs, seminarians training for the priesthood, Catholic school families in our most economically-challenged communities and local parish ministries to people in need.

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